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May 12, 1989

Mr. Earl Gross
Secretary/Treasurer
Golden Rule Mining Company
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Dear Mr. Gross:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Golden Rule Mine Project, S/047/037, Uintah County, Utah.

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on May 8, 1989. The application for the proposed gold placer operation located in the S1/2, NW1/4 of Section 15, T6S, R22E, SLBM, is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

Due to the nature of your placer operation, you are also required to contact the Division of Water Rights and the Division of Environmental Health. The approval of both agencies must be obtained prior to any mining activity. The addresses are: Division of Water Rights, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116; Division of Environmental Health, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

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In the notice, you have requested a variance to rule R613-003-109. You indicate that the mined gravel and sands will be stockpiled in the old gravel pit for post-mining sales. This request is acceptable and hereby approved.

You have a similar nearby mining operation, on State Lease ML44152, that you filed as a Small Mining Operation with this Division (S/047/047) on October 14, 1988. In our phone conversation May 9, 1989, you indicated the S/047/047 operation is operated by OroFino Corporation (Mike Lowe). To maintain the status of a small mining operation (less than 5 acres surface disturbance), Mr. Lowe must assume the responsibility of S/047/047 and file an SMO with this office.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.
In reply, please refer to S/047/037.

Sincerely,



Scott Johnson
Reclamation Engineer

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Enclosure
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